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MAYOR PEREZ PRAISES CORETTA SCOTT KING FOR HER GRACE, DIGNITY, AND DEVOTION

---MEDIA STATEMENT---

(January 31, 2006)---Mayor Eddie A. Perez is asking Hartford residents to pause and reflect upon the life of Coretta Scott King. The widow of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will forever be remembered for turning a life shattered by her husband's assassination into one of devotion to his legacy for peace, human rights, and equality.

Mayor Perez says, "Coretta Scott King kept her husband's dream alive. She devoted her life to his cause, one of peace and non-violence. Her grace and dignity during difficult times, both personally and for our nation, will always be a definition of strength. Please join me as we pause and say thank you to this great American."

Coretta Scott King died today at the age of 78. Mrs. King spent much of her life devoted to raising her four children and supporting her husband's work in the civil rights movement. After his death, she continued to work for peace and economic justice both in this country and abroad. In the last decade, much of her energy was devoted to AIDS awareness and curbing gun violence.

Mayor Perez says, "Mrs. King channeled grief into action and shows how with great strength and determination, one person can make a difference in the lives of many people. I have always admired her and we all will miss her."